



Our newsletter for members and friends

February 7 - 13



NEWS

Ospreyland and Eagles Hollow



Pictona Birds

The Osprey is back. Just look up to the nest on top of the lightpole in Ospreyland or simply hear the osprey squawking away. Last year there was a pair of ospreys towering about us, but they left for the winter. We welcome them back as a sure sign of spring. Also look to the west to a far pine tree to see a large nest with the eagle standing proudly in it or beside it. Now you know why we call the west parking area (currently unavailable because of construction) Eagles Hollow.

Pickleball First Steps

Our very own **Lu Kandt** and **Mary Burns** authored **Pickleball First Steps**, an ebook that provides progressive lessons for teaching pickleball to 8- to 14-year-olds. It's a wonderful teaching guide richly illustrated with photos of local students. It's part of our long-term plans to be a major pickleball education center, which will pick up steam when Pictona 2 is completed with the Pictona Training Center and the employment of a full-time Education Director.

To spark our presence in the pickleball world as an education center we are offering the book now for **FREE**. The book is endorsed by the AAU who is promoting it as part of its youth pickleball program.

Click [here](#) to download Pickleball First Steps:

After reading the book, find a kid or lots of kids and teach them pickleball!



 Ebook



VAPTRs Arrive

No they are not aliens descending on us earthlings. VAPTR is the name of our two new water extraction machines invented by Justin Stewart who delivered them this week. The cleverly engineered machines work by pushing them across the courts soaking up the water from a fabric wrapped around a drum which then is squeegeed into another drum and dumped. We'll be washing the covered courts soon and demonstrating our VAPTRs.

We're looking for a few volunteers to help wash the courts next week. If you're interested in helping, and learning how to run these slick new machines, please email Angie at Angieg@pictona.org.



Senior Activity Center Director

The **Senior Activity Center (SAC) Director** is responsible for promoting, planning, coordinating, and supervising all physical activity and educational programs conducted by the SAC. In addition, this position oversees the gardening program. Click [here](#) for more detailed information, including how to apply.

You can view the full list of open positions at Pictona [here](#).



THE KITCHEN AT PICTONA

This Week's Specials

- Try our zesty Buffalo chicken salad made with fresh greens picked from our Humana Community Gardens. Made with blue cheese crumbles, red onion, cucumbers, tomatoes and carrots served with your choice of dressing.
- Fresh baked cookies and banana bread. Stop by The Kitchen at Pictona and enjoy home baked goodness!
- Our featured wrap is a Reuben wrap, filled with perfectly seasoned corned beef, swiss cheese, cole slaw and thousand island dressing.
- Our featured soup this week is Minestrone.



SPONSORSHIPS

Selkirk

Selkirk, a well-respected brand in pickleball paddles, has partnered with Pictona to acquire the naming rights to our tournament, now known as Selkirk America's Pickleball Challenge. That tournament takes place March 31 through April 3. With two months to go, we have 135 players registered and are expecting 300-400. As part of our partnership, Selkirk is donating 100 paddles to support our Pickleball 101 classes and various instructional programs. We welcome Selkirk to the Pictona family.



TOURNAMENTS

ROOKIE RALLY

ROUND ROBIN

February 5-6, 2022

Men's, Women's & Mixed Doubles

2.5 - 3.0 Skill Level

Age Categories:
<50, 50+, 60+, 70+

Registration is Closed



Rookie Rally Tournament sponsored by:



Barr & Associates
Physical Therapy

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It's Rally Time!

Saturday and Sunday, **February 5-6**, is our **Rookie Rally** tournament. We have 236 players at the 2.5 and 3.0 skill level playing men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles. We welcome our "rookies" to tournament play at Pictona.



APRIL FOOL'S PARTY

SPONSORED BY:



We're hosting an April Fool's Party free to all tournament participants. Expect some spoofing and buffoonery, maybe a little joshing and jesting, all in the spirit of good fun.



SELKIRK AMERICA'S PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE

Register at PickleballTournaments.com or scan the QR Code

REGISTER NOW!
March 31 - April 3



Food, Drink, Music & Door Prizes Provided!

[Selkirk America's Pickleball Challenge - March 31 - April 3](#)

- Four days of exciting pickleball awaits players who register for Pictona's big spring tournament from March 31 - April 3. It's a round robin format so everyone gets lots of action, and we've added an **April Fool's Party** on Friday evening. It's no joke! Music, free food and drinks, and maybe a little spoofing on this special day. Register for this exciting tournament [here](#).
- Selkirk America's Pickleball Challenge is sponsored by [Selkirk](#), [S.R. Perrott, Inc.](#) and [Tijuana Flats](#).

PICTONA
SUPER SENIORS
May 6-8 2022
Men's, Women's & Mixed Doubles

Skill Levels
3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5

Age Categories:
60+, 65+, 70+, 75+

Register at:
PICKLEBALLTOURNAMENTS.COM

\$40 for Pictona Members
\$50 for Non-Members

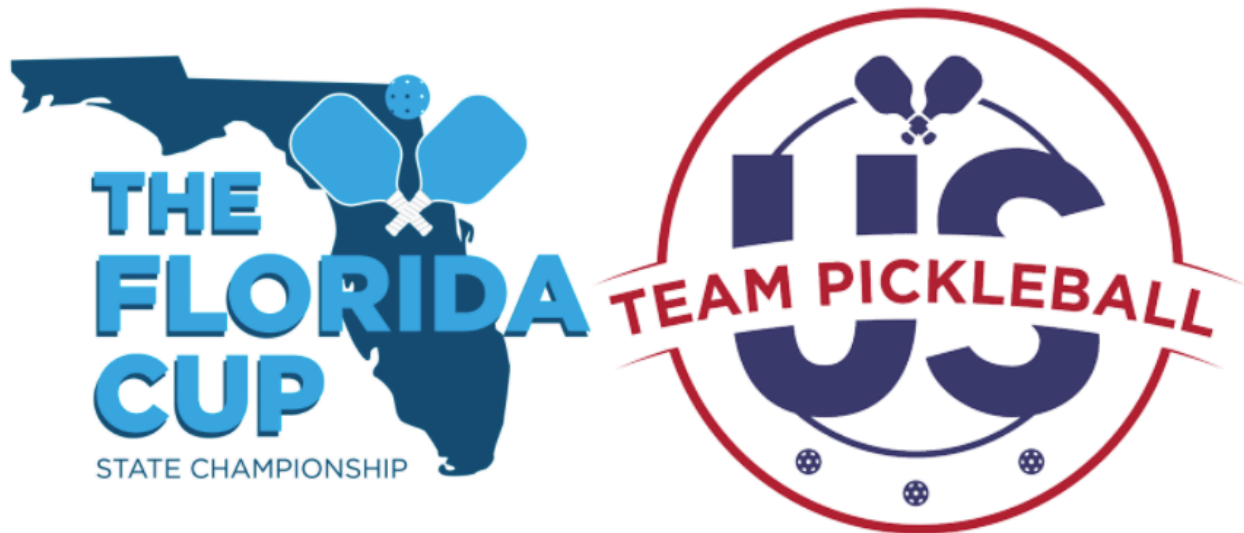
Super Seniors
Tournament
sponsored by:



[Super Seniors Tournament - May 6-8](#)

The Super Seniors Tournament at Pictona is sponsored by [Solar-Fit](#) and [Daytona Dodge](#) who support Racing to Prevent Suicide. This is a tournament for men and women 60+ playing in 4 skill classifications: 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5. Last year we welcomed 200 participants in this fun tournament.

[Registration](#) is now open!



The Florida Cup - March 26-27

Florida Cup Coming to Pictona . . . Again

We held this fun tournament at Pictona last March and are delighted to have the Florida Cup return to Pictona. Put a team of six together to play in the Florida Cup on March 26-27.

Play is organized by skill only – 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5.

Your team will play:

- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles

All three matches occur at the same time. Within your skill level, you will play a round robin, the number of matches depending on the number of entries.

The entry fee is \$35 per team member, but for Pictona members the entry fee is only \$15 or \$90 per team. Your team may be a mix of members and nonmembers, the nonmembers having to pay \$35.

To make it convenient, you may register for the Florida Cup with our Welcome Desk by calling (386) 310.7067.

We will pass along your registration to the event organizers.

Find more information, including registration [here](#).



BRAGGING RIGHTS

- Anytime you win gold, silver, or bronze in a tournament, please complete the information in the [Bragging Rights Form](#) and send it as soon as possible after the tournament is completed along with a photo if you have one and we will post it in the Weekly Bulletin.
- Email the completed form along with photos to Mark Shaw, Marketing Director at marks@pictona.org.



PICTONA 2



The steel has arrived!

We're seeing lots of activity at Pictona 2. The footings for the building and the pillars to support the roof have been poured. The hard-to-get steel has arrived for the roof.

Progress!



PICKLEBALL PLAY

If you play your cards right, you could find yourself competing in a scramble here at Pictona.

S₁ C₃ R₁ A₁ M₃ B₃ L₁ E₁



Winter 2022 Scrambles

- [Winter 2022 Scrambles](#) are open for sign up!
- A Scramble is an organized style of play that allows participants to move up or down a “ladder” based on whether their team wins or loses.
- Register by calling the Welcome Desk at 386-310-7067 or go online [here](#).



EVENTS

Food & Wine Tasting
February 19th
6.30pm

Join us Saturday Feb 19th at 6.30pm for a Food & Wine Tasting in The Kitchen at Pictona.
With our partners from SR Perrott, you will have the chance to taste 4 different wines that will be served with a gourmet food pairing.

Tickets are \$40 a head and spaces are limited. Contact the Welcome Desk to purchase your tickets today
386.310.7067

THE KITCHEN
at PICTONA

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Join us for a food and wine tasting event on **February 19th**. With our partners from S.R. Perrott, you'll have the chance to taste four different wines with a gourmet food pairing.



Watch the Big Game at Pictona!

The Kitchen at Pictona is hosting its FIRST ever Super Bowl party! Purchase your Super Bowl party tickets in The Kitchen today.

Tickets are \$20 per person and includes all access to our appetizer buffet and unlimited soft drinks. Beer and wine available for purchase at the bar! As always this event is open to the public and Pictona members.

Need to take a break during the party to burn of some energy from all the football excitement? Enjoy the extended pickleball hours on courts 6, 7 & 8!



Looking for Singles PLAY?

Join us Valentine's Day Weekend as we host a Skinny Singles king of the court style event! Find event details [here](#).



Arthritis or Joint Pain?

Having joint pain or arthritis that's affecting your pickleball play and/or quality of life. Would you like to speak with a professional and ask questions related to your specific issues?

Join us Monday February 7th in the Games Room from 11-1pm for a Lunch & Learn with Coastal Intergrative Healthcare. **Lunch provided** by Coastal Intergrative Healthcare for the first 20 registrants.

Space is limited and registration required. Call 386-800-3100 to RSVP your spot today.



SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

We've moved the SAC Schedule to the Pictona Website.

Click [here](#) to view next week's schedule of activities.

Humana



COMMUNITY GARDENS

- A new season begins in the Humana Community Gardens at Pictona on **March 1st!** We anticipate having a few open plots. If you're interested in joining our Waiting List for a Spring plot, contact Rynn at rynn@pictona.org.
- Congratulations to our Master Gardener, **Russ Royce**, who was officially named 2021 Holly Hill Citizen of the Year! We're proud of you, Russ!





INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

•Monday

- 3:30 pm: [Pickleball Made Easy](#) (Sylvia)
- 4 pm: [PB 101](#) (Alex)

•Tuesday

- 1 pm: [PB 101](#) (Lu)
- 2:30 pm: [Lean While You Play](#) (Lu/Sinny)

•Thursday

- 1 pm: "Not" Ready for Primetime [Round Robin](#) (Lu/Sinny)
- 5 pm: [PB 101](#) (Sinny)

•Friday

- 1 pm: [Speedball](#) (Dave)

•Saturday

- 1 pm: [PB101](#)

• Upcoming Classes

- [PB102](#) & [PB201](#) scheduled for Feb. 15,17,22 & 24
- "Primed and Ready" [Round Robin](#) - Feb. 16 at 2 pm.



VOLUNTEERS



**Congratulations
John!**

Volunteer of the Month - John Cowne

John volunteered for the PB101 for 101 event, has assisted with Sunday's Novice Round Robins and has made himself available on Monday and Thursday Novice play times to help new players with the paddle rack and game rules. He's given 5 volunteer hours this month already and has signed up for an additional 13 volunteer hours through to the end of February.

As a gesture of our gratitude, John, you have been granted access to the Volunteer of the Month parking spot for February.

Your continued volunteering is having a positive impact on our members and guests!

For consideration to be the Volunteer of the Month, view the guidelines for being nominated [here](#).

If you'd like to volunteer to join the Pictona Success Team of Volunteers, click [here](#) and explore the many opportunities to help us continue to make Pictona the best pickleball facility in the United States!



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